

# State Convention Ready Nov. 12-14

The 128th session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention is scheduled to be held Nov. 12-14, it has been announced by Rev. Bill Causey, of Jackson, chairman of the convention's committee on order of business.

The convention is scheduled to be called to order at 9:30 Tuesday morning at Jackson's First Baptist Church by Dr. Russell Bush, of Columbia, president.

Adjournment is set to follow the Thursday evening youth session which will be held for the second straight year in the Mississippi Coliseum, Jackson.

This year's youth night featured speaker will be Dr. Chester E. Swor, of Jackson, widely known Baptist youth leader.

Mississippi Baptist young people and adults from every section of the state practically filled the 10,000-seat Coliseum last year and convention officials are predicting another full house this year.

Several high spiritual hours are anticipated for this year, according to Mr. Causey, because of the large number of outstanding out-of-state speakers scheduled. These include:

#### Pollard To Speak

Dr. Ramsey Pollard, pastor Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis; Dr. James W. Middleton, pastor First Baptist Church, Shreveport; Dr. Jaroy Webber, pastor First Baptist Church, Beaumont, Texas; Rev. John Haggai, Baptist evangelist of Atlanta.

Dr. Malcolm Tolbert, associate professor of missions, New Orleans Baptist Seminary; Dr. Loyd Corder, secretary Department of Language groups ministries, Home Mission Board, Atlanta; J. M. Crowe, associate executive secretary-treasurer, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and Dr. Penrose St. Amant, dean School of Theology, Southern Baptist Seminary Louisville, Ky.

With the general theme of "Missions Is Our Mission," the program for this year has been planned differently from those of prior years.

The opening Tuesday morning's program will feature the keynote address by the president and the convention sermon by Rev. Vernon May, pastor First Baptist Church, Louisville.

The emphasis for each session will be as follows:

Themes Announced  
Tuesday afternoon, "Our mission through stewardship and evangelism"; Tuesday evening, "through state missions"; Wednesday morning, "through planning and religious education"; Wednesday afternoon, "through institutions"; Wednesday evening, "through Home and foreign missions"; Thursday morning, "through boards and agencies"; Thursday afternoon, "through mass media."

The principal business to come before the body is expected to be the consideration of the \$2,786,000 Cooperative Program budget. The outlay, the same as the current year's budget, will be recommended by the State Convention Board.

Assisting Dr. Bush, a Col- age 2)

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### FIND YOUR CONVENTION BOARD MEMBER

MOST OF THE members of the State Convention Board who attended the Sept. 23 meeting gathered on the front steps of the Baptist building for a picture. See if you can locate the one who represents the work of the Board in your association. As at every meeting, some members are providentially hindered from attending, thus not all members are in photo. Members of the Board's Executive Committee are seen on first row.

## Committee Okays Parochial Aid

### Sunday School Clinics Planned

A series of five regional Baptist Sunday School Adult clinics has been scheduled for the period of Oct. 7-17.

Directing will be Bryant M. Cummings, Jackson, secretary of the Sunday School Department, sponsor.

The clinics will include conferences and features on many phases of Sunday school work, such as growth, supervision, program, teaching improvement, efficiency and participation.

Those to participate from the churches will be adult department officers, adult teachers, adult class officers, members, pastors, ministers of education, general superintendents and superintendents of missions.

Assisting Mr. Cummings in conducting the clinics will be William R. Bumpas, of Dallas, state Baptist Sunday School secretary of Texas; Howard Lett, minister of education, Calvary Church, Jackson; and Dennis Conniff, Jr., and John Alexander, associates in the Sunday School Department.

Each conference will begin at 1:30 p.m. with adjournment (Continued on page 2)

### HOW CHURCHES CALL PASTORS IS SHOWN

NASHVILLE (BP) — It is laymen and ministers, not denominational workers, who influence Southern Baptist churches most in selecting a pastor, said Leonard E. Hill in a speech to the annual Southern Baptist Convention communication conference here.

The production editor of the Baptist program also predicted state conventions will eventually provide an information service to assist churches seeking pastors.

Speaking to state and SBC denominational workers on the subject, "Pastorless churches and Churchless Pastors," Hill reported a survey of 1,919 Southern Baptist churches indicated laymen influence 32 per cent of the churches most in their selection of a pastor.

Ministers are a close second, influencing most the selection made by 31 per cent of the churches. Associational workers are a distant third, having the greatest influence on 11 per cent of the churches.

Only six out of 100 churches indicate a state denominational worker influenced them most

the last time they secured a pastor. However, as churches increased in size they tended to seek help from state workers much more often, according to Hill.

Several states have already begun to take initial steps to provide some type of information service to aid churches seeking a pastor, Hill said. "This is an informational service, not a placement service," he emphasized.

Private Groups Active  
"If the state conventions don't do this, other groups will, he added. "Some private groups are already entering this area because of the need. But state conventions have at least two advantages over private efforts to provide information."

"They will probably find it easier to secure the cooperation of a large number of churches and pastors — very essential to such a project, and they would probably provide the service at much less direct cost to those using it."

The big question to be (Continued on page 2)

WASHINGTON (BP) — Church college education programs along with public institutions are included in a bill reported favorably by the Senate committee on labor and public welfare. Sen. Lister Hill (D., Ala.) is chairman of the committee.

The Senate committee is an almost unprecedented action, and with an unexpected burst of speed, reported favorably on four education bills. Sen. Wayne Morse, chairman of the education subcommittee, said "I believe it represented a legislative miracle. I never hoped to live long enough to see such action taken in the committee."

The higher education bill is almost the same as the one agreed upon last year by a Senate-House conference committee, but which was narrowly defeated in the House after protests from religious and other groups. The only difference is that it dropped the provisions for college student loans, 30 per cent of which were to be "non-reimbursable loans."

The higher education bill that now goes to the Senate for vote provides a five-year \$800,000,000 program of grants to public and private colleges for construction of academic facilities "for instruction or research in the natural or physical sciences or engineering or for use as a library." Grants will be for one-third of the development cost of such projects.

The higher education bill also provides a five-year, \$800,000,000 loan program for similar purposes. The loans could be for as much as 75 per cent of the development cost of the project.

Although church colleges are eligible for grants and loans under the proposed senate bill, the facilities thus constructed cannot be used for sectarian instruction or as a place of worship. No facility as part of a divinity school can be included. (Continued on page 2)

## Ephesians Subject Of Bible Study Week

NASHVILLE — It happens every January! Millions of Southern Baptists take part in Bible Study week.

In 1964, emphasis will be on the Book of Ephesians. The study guide for adults and young people is "The Letter to the Ephesians" by W. Curtis Vaughan. The book is a Convention Press publication.

Dr. Vaughan, professor of New Testament at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, says that the theme of the epistle is Paul's inspired exposition of God's purpose for his new people in Christ.

In his book, Dr. Vaughan emphasized the need of studying with an open bible.

According to Dr. A. V. Wash-

burn, secretary of the Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department, "Bible Study week is the largest week of training in the churches. It involves far more churches and people participating than any other single event."

396,400 Copies in 1963  
Dr. Washburn said that in 1963 over 396,400 copies of the study guide used by adults and young people were distributed.

A Native Tennessean, Dr. Vaughan received a bachelor of arts degree from Union University, Jackson, Tenn. He holds bachelor of Divinity and Doctor of Theology degrees from Southwestern Seminary. In 1961 he studied at Univer-

### T. U. Conventions Set Oct. 14-18

A series of five Baptist Training Union Leadership Conventions has been scheduled for the state for the state for the week of Oct. 14-18, according to Kermit S. King, Training Union director.

Each day's convention will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 5:00 p.m. The conventions will feature an emphasis on curriculum materials, simultaneous age - group conferences, a question-and-answer panel and other highlights.

New and experienced leaders from the churches, as well as all adults enrolled in Training Union have been encouraged to attend, declared Mr. King.

Assisting him in conducting

Training Union Department of the Baptist Convention Board, Nashville, Tenn. These are:

Dr. Raymond Higdon, editor-in-chief; Miss Betty Jo Curran, intermediate editor and Mrs. Doris Monroe, Primary editor.

State leaders assisting will be Miss Evelyn George, James Harrell, G. G. Pierce and (Continued on page 2)

## Baptist Leaders Seek End To Racial Strife

WASHINGTON (BP) — Religious leaders of the nation have called for an end to racial strife in a statement issued by leaders in conferences in the nation's capital seeking solutions to the race problems that plague the country.

Two Southern Baptist pastors from Birmingham, Ala. were in the groups that conferred with President John F. Kennedy about the problems in their city. Earlier other Baptist leaders joined with a group

religious spokesmen to ask Congress to pass anti-racism legislation.

In the statement, the Birmingham clergymen that called on the President was Earl Shillings, pastor of the First Baptist Church. The others were Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of the North Alabama Conference of the Methodist Church; Joseph A. Durick, Auxiliary (Continued on page 2)

The Santa Rosa Baptist Church, in Pearl River Association, has sold its properties to the U. S. Government and as a result has created a trust fund of \$36,171.51 on behalf of the Cooperative Program.

Rev. James Douglas, pastor, declared that the selling of the property to the government was because of the need of the land for the U. S. missile test facility in the area.

He stated that the church received \$22,500.00 from the government for the property and after paying off all closing out costs, there was \$36,171.51 left which was channeled into the trust fund.

The \$36,171.51 was given to the Mississippi Baptist Foundation which will invest it, with the interest thereon to go to the Cooperative Program, so (Continued on page 2)



REV. JAMES DOUGLAS, pastor of Santa Rosa Baptist Church (left), hands check for \$36,171.51 to Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, secretary of Mississippi Baptist Foundation, to be held as a trust fund with interest to go to the Cooperative Program.

### Shoemakes Safe In Santo Domingo

Southern Baptists' missionary family in the Dominican Republic is "well and safe" following today's political eruption. Rev. and Mrs. Howard L. Shoemake, of Santo Domingo, cabled the Foreign Mission Board of their welfare.



## \$3.5 Million Goal Set For Offering

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — Goal for the 1964 Annie Armstrong offering for home missions has been set at \$3.5 million according to Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, here.

Woman's Missionary Union promotes a week of prayer for home missions and the accompanying offering each spring. The 1964 observance is set for March 1-8.

The 1964 goal is a 15 per cent increase over the 1963 offering to date, and the anticipated receipts from now until Dec. 31 when the books close.

## Baptist Leaders...

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Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Alabama; his assistant, Joseph C. Allen; Rabbi Milton L. Graftman of Temple Emmanu-El; and Bishop George M. Murray, Bishop Coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama.

The Alabama clergymen met in the White House upon the invitation of the President.

Earlier in the day a group of white Birmingham civic leaders conferred with the President. Among them was W. Landon Miller, pastor of the Rubama Baptist Church.

The clergymen refused to discuss their meeting with the President, but they issued a statement through their spokesman, Bishop Murray. They expressed hope that the two representatives of President Kennedy sent to Birmingham for negotiations between local leaders of the white and Negro races "may prove to be helpful and fruitful."

**Assure President**  
The ministers assured the President of their desire to cooperate with his representatives "in seeking to improve racial harmony in our city."

In an interview with the Baptist Press about the racial tensions in Birmingham, Stallings (1) Asked for the prayers of the Baptist people for solutions to their problems there, and (2) Said that one of the reasons that the problem is unresolved is that "No tears have been shed yet."

The civic leaders of Birmingham joined with the President in the hope that the city's racial problems could be solved locally. However, they were firm in their belief that a large portion of the people of Birmingham, including many Negroes, "are firmly, deeply dedicated to the principle of segregation." They made it clear that they favored a peaceful solution on the basis of segregation.

The week prior to these Alabama meetings with the President, 20 of the nation's outstanding religious leaders called on many members of Congress and the Attorney General, Robert Kennedy, and made a strong appeal for civil rights legislation.

"Until a community puts out of its life all sanctioned forms of discrimination and segregation," the clergymen said, "demented men will find encouragement to commit racist murder."

They explained that their visit to Washington was occasioned by the death of six young Americans in Birmingham. They called the killing of these boys and girls "Tragic and senseless" and a "Hideous massacre."

They said in their statement to Congress, the President and the Attorney General "That we believe the nation is ready now as it has never been before for legislation which will insure that incidents such as happened last Sunday—and such as have been happening over and over again in only slightly less monstrous forms throughout this land in recent times—will not occur again."

In their statement to the attorney general the clergymen urged:

1. The fullest possible use of the authority of the federal government to insure the physical safety and the protection of the rights of all citizens;

2. Additional legislation to extend and guarantee those rights;

3. The administration to support stronger civil rights legislation and to prevent discrimination of "Legal bottle-neck" that obstruct justice;

4. The maximum use of the law on the basis of currently existing anti-bombing laws;

5. The imposition of sanctions against the governor of Alabama if it is determined by his recent actions in an official contempt of the law.



**ANNUITY BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**—Several state leaders who will represent the work of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board at the associations met in Jackson for a briefing session with W. R. Roberts, state Annuity Board representative and other state and SBC leaders. From left: First row: Rev. H. H. Ward, Kosciusko; Mr. Roberts; Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary; Dr. Floyd Chaffin, associate secretary of the Annuity Board, who spoke at the briefing session, and Rev. E. F. Hicks, Waynesboro. Second row: Rev. Harry Phillips, Walnut; Rev. John B. Lawey, Moss Point; Rev. James E. Joslin, Batesville; Rev. John McBride, Marigold; Dr. R. A. Tullos, Magee. Third row: Rev. Leon B. Young, Natchez; Rev. Reese Kysar, Rolling Fork; Rev. A. Lavon Hatten, Indianola; Dr. Sam B. Shepard, Tupelo; Rev. Dan Morton, Amory; and Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor the Baptist Record.

## How Churches...

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answered, according to Hill, is, "Will such a formal information service be compatible with the leadership of the Holy Spirit, the answer is: 'these tensions will exist with it as do presently under the informal methods used to secure information.'"

Hill added, "Whether the leadership of the Holy Spirit is acknowledged depends on the individuals involved, not on whether a formal or informal method of securing information is used."

The value of such a service would rest on three factors, Hill said: (1) The motives for its use, (2) The quality of the service (accuracy and amount of information), and (3) The ability to interpret and to continue to interpret its proper role to pastors and churches.

**Responsibility Pointed**  
The denominational leaders were told they had a responsibility to help educate church members about calling a pastor. "But the big responsibility for developing 'Do it yourself churches' in this regard rests with the pastors," he said. The survey indicated less than one out of four pulpits committee chairmen had ever gotten any help or instruction from a preacher regarding how to secure a pastor.

Some of the weaknesses pointed up by the survey, Hill said, were: Church members lacked understanding of what a pastor was or should do.

Many members were confused over how to balance the leadership of the Holy Spirit and the use of human efforts.

New Testament standards and principles for evaluating pastors were often ignored.

Many churches did not know how to get information about prospective pastors. "A long distance phone call could have prevented many short-term pastorates," said Hill.

## TU Conventions...

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Norman A. Rodgers, associate in the State Training Union Department and Mrs. A. A. Green, Jackson, approved worker.

The schedule of conventions follows: Oct. 14—First Church, Laurel; Oct. 15—First, Crystal Springs; Oct. 16—First, Greenwood; Oct. 17—Calvary, Tupelo; Oct. 18—First, Louisville.

## \$36,171.51 Trust...

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cording to Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, Foundation secretary. The church will be officially dissolved Dec. 29 with a special Nov. 10 which will commemorate the 15th anniversary of the church as well as the closing out ceremony.

**Property To Waveland**

While the government purchased all the land and property of the church, it gave all buildings, including the parsonage, auditorium and education annex, back to the church, which in turn gave them to the Waveland Baptist Church.

The Santa Rosa church, only 5 miles south of Pecos, is in the buffer zone of the missile test site. The test site and buffer zone combined compose 140,000 acres, declared Mr. Douglas.

More than 15 churches, including those of all denominations, are closing out in the area for the same purpose.

## REVIVAL DATES

Easthaven, Brookhaven: October 6-13; Rev. Harry La Grone, pastor of First Church, Lindale, Texas. Rev. W. Edward Thiele, pastor.

Temple, Myrtle: October 6-13; Dr. James L. Travis, head of the Bible Department, Blue Mountain College, evangelist; Rev. Bobby Perkins, pastor, in charge of music.

Parkhill Church, Jackson: October 13-18; Rev. Oliver C. Laddner, (pictured), pastor of North McComb Church, evangelist; J. T. Taylor, minister of music, Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, music director; Rev. E. L. Howell, Jackson, Secretary, State Brotherhood Department, interim pastor; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Van Winkle Church, Jackson: October 13-20; Dr. R. S. (Bob) Crawford, former pastor at Van Winkle, now pastor at First Church, Vivian, Louisiana, evangelist; Frank Lawton, music director; Rev. Herman Milner, pastor.

East Louisville Church, Louisville: October 6-13; Rev. Ray Howe, (pictured) pastor, Faith Church, Monroe, Louisiana, evangelist; Phillip Anderson, New Orleans, Louisiana, song leader; Rev. Howard Taylor, pastor.

Hardin-Simmons Adds Instructor

ABILENE, Tex. (BP) — A former speech and drama instructor at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, has been named assistant professor of theater and speech at another Baptist school—Hardin-Simmons University here.

Darrel Bearges, 28, was appointed to the Hardin-Simmons faculty, and also named as associate director of the University theater.

NASHVILLE — J. Leon Boyd of Howard College in Birmingham will join the church administration department of the Sunday School Board as a consultant on Oct. 1. Boyd is presently serving as associate in the extension division of Christian Training at Howard.

His new position will give him opportunity to assist churches across the nation in improving their administrative procedures.

She will assist chiefly in the preparation of "News Letter," monthly publication of advance news and information for pastors and other church staff workers and vocational denominational workers.

Ignorance would be less obnoxious if it only possessed a mirror.



THE NINTH Annual Bible Baptist Association Banquet was held at First Church, Jackson on September 27. Dr. W. L. Howe, Director, Education Division, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, was guest speaker, with Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor, First Church serving as toastmaster. Former Hewitt of the host church welcomed the 165 present. James Norwood rendered special music and Jimmy Davis gave recognition of training progress for eleven months of this year. Among the five groups recognized were those earning their Gold Seal on the Christian Training Diploma as shown: Left to right, front row: Mrs. Fred Tarpley, Curtis Beard, Mrs. E. L. Williams, Mrs. L. F. Hutchins, Mrs. Tom Winstead, Mrs. L. T. Watts, Mrs. Fred Tarpley, Mrs. E. D. Bates, Mrs. E. D. Bates, Mrs. James A. Melton, Virginia Bates, second row: Mrs. G. C. Johnson, Mrs. Coney Black, Mrs. James Griffith, Mrs. Dallas Ledingham, Mrs. J. L. Mahaffey, Mrs. J. J. Paschal, Mrs. Charles Minter, Mrs. E. E. Carney, Mrs. A. B. Davis, Mrs. C. B. Shive, Mrs. Walter W. Coffey, Sr., Mrs. Floyd Anderson. Third row: Mrs. Edwin E. Quattlebaum, Rev. Edwin E. Quattlebaum, Rev. James Griffith, Mr. J. L. Mahaffey, Jimmy Davis, Walton M. Caughman, E. M. Britt, Thomas Copeland, Rev. Fred Tarpley, James E. Sills, T. O. Winstead, Mr. John N. Upchurch, Miss Ruby Smith.

## Laymen's Retreat Set Garaywa Oct. 25-27

A laymen's Retreat will be held at Camp Garaywa Oct. 25-27, under sponsorship of the First Baptist Church of Yazoo City.

Although Baptist laymen from any section of the state will be welcome, those who can attend the closing retreat service Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock and return to their own Sunday School and church service at home, are especially urged to attend.

"Every Layman a Missionary" will be the theme, according to Rev. James Yates, pastor of the church.

Out-of-state program personalities to be present will be Dr. Leo Eddleman, president New Orleans Seminary; Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the SBC, Nashville; Rev. Jack Stanton, Dallas, associate in Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board; Wiley George, president Bloomfield Shipping Lines, Houston; Raymond Lindsey, insurance executive of Little Rock, and Rev. Joe Mefford, Southern Baptist missionary to Spain.

**Lay Leaders To Attend**  
A large number of outstanding state leaders, mostly laymen, including the president of the State Convention, will be on program in addition several laymen from the host church, according to Owen Cooper, lay member of the church, who will preside over one of the sessions.

One of the highlights will be a series of simultaneous conferences on the subjects of "Church Finance," "An Effective Associational Program," "Lay Evangelism" and "An Effective Brotherhood and R. A."

The retreat will begin Friday night and continue until Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock.

**Hong Kong School Head Guest Prof**  
FORT WORTH, (BP) — James D. Belote, president of Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary, is serving as guest professor of missions this year at Southwestern Seminary here.

A native of Washington, D.C. he is a graduate of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill. and received the Th. M. degree from Columbia Bible College, S. C. and the Th. D. degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Belote is teaching the history of missions and the missionary message of the Bible while at Southwestern.

**Committee Okays**  
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Public community colleges would come in for \$250,000,000 over the five-year period if the bill is enacted into law.

"Little Omnibus Bill"  
A so-called "Little Omnibus Bill" was reported by the committee. It has three parts: (1) Vocational education through grants to states and aids to residential vocational schools; (2) A three-year extension of the National Defense Education Act and an increase of the student loan fund of the act; and (3) A three-year extension of aid to public schools in federally impacted areas, including the District of Columbia for the first time.

Another bill reported by the Senate committee would extend to teachers in private non-profit schools and to teachers in institutions of higher education the forgiveness provisions now applicable to teachers in public schools under the national defense education act.

The House of Representatives has already passed a college aid bill that includes both public and private colleges. It was a 2,300,000,000 bill for loans and grants for construction of academic and other facilities. The facilities in this bill are not restricted to certain categories as in the senate bill.

**Sunday School...**  
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set for 9:00 p.m. Those desiring supper at host church have been requested to write for reservation.

The schedule of meetings is as follows: Oct. 7—First Church, Biloxi; Oct. 8—First, Hattiesburg; Oct. 10—Daniel Memorial, Jackson; Oct. 14—First, New Albany; Oct. 15—First, Columbus; Oct. 17—North Greenwood Church.

Decker said changes in the ground floor of the hotel will cost about \$125,000. Included in this would be an expanded lobby and closing of the hotel's cocktail lounge.

Decker was Prohibition party candidate for president in 1960.

**Kansas City Group Buys Apartments**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)—The Temple Foundation, a charitable organization connected with the Temple Baptist Church here, has acquired the 160-room Berkshire Apartment Hotel here for 1 million dollars.

Rutherford L. Decker, president of the foundation and pastor of the church, said his group would continue to operate the hotel as a transient facility.

The foundation is also planning to build a \$4 million retirement and nursing home in the downtown area, near the church site.

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Rev. Reed Caldwell

## Cherry Creek Ordains Preacher

On September 1, Cherry Creek Church, Pontotoc County, ordained Reed Caldwell to the full gospel ministry.

The period of questioning was led by the pastor, Rev. Robert Deline; the sermon was preached by Dr. Earl Kelly of Holly Springs; the charge was brought by Rev. Ben Rogers of Locust Hill Church and the ordination prayer was led by Rev. Henry Matthews of New Hope Church.

Rev. Caldwell has been called as pastor of the Mt. Zion Church in Hernando.



Dr. W. Curtis Vaughan

## Ephesians Subject

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city of Manchester, England, and University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

"The Letter to the Ephesians" is listed in Southern Baptists' church study course and is available through Baptist Book stores.



Mrs. N. A. Edmonds

## W. Jackson Honors Mrs. N. A. Edmonds

On Sunday, September 8, Mrs. N. A. Edmonds was honored by the West Jackson Church, Jackson, after the evening preaching service.

Mrs. Edmonds is the widow of the late Rev. Edmonds, former pastor of the church and well-known over the state, where he held many pastorates.

After several testimonials as to what Mrs. Edmonds means to the church and various individuals, her name was spelled in acrostic and rhyme, describing her many virtues.

On behalf of the church members, a gold watch was presented to her by the chairman of the deacons.

The program, a complete surprise to her, was followed by reception in the fellowship room.

Rev. Jack Nazary is pastor at West Jackson.

## State Convention...

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umbia dentist, in presiding over the sessions, will be first vice-president Rev. D. C. Applegate, of Starkville, and second vice-president, Rev. Clarence

The regional secretary is Paul Adams of Laurel, with Horace Kerr of Jackson serving as assistant.

The other members of the order of business committee are: Rev. John W. Green, Winona; Sam Peoples, Vicksburg; Dr. D. L. Hill, Corinth; Dr. Allen Webb, Jackson, and Rev. J. D. Aycock, Gulfport.



SOUTHERN BAPTISTS—

# Progress In Montana

By Owen Cooper, Yazoo City

(Editors Note: Mississippi Baptists have been cooperating with the Colorado Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board in undergirding and promoting Southern Baptist work in Montana since 1961. During the past summer another Laymen's Crusade took a number of Mississippi laymen to work in the state. Among them was Mr. Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, who has been one of the prime promoters of Mississippi cooperation with Montana Baptists from its very inception. Mr. Cooper was able to visit most of the churches and missions in the state during his recent trip, and in this series of articles gives a progress report on the work there. We feel that these articles will be of interest to many Mississippi Baptists. The first report is given here with and others will follow.)

During the 1963 Mississippi Laymen's Crusade in Montana, it was my privilege to visit many of the Southern Baptist churches and missions rather than spend much time in one or two local situations. Travels for the week took me to most of the thirty-four Southern Baptist churches and missions—an impressive gain from the twenty-six in the state in 1962, and the twenty-two in 1961 when Mississippi began actively cooperating with the Home Mission Board and the Colorado Baptist Convention in promoting Southern Baptist work in the Treasure state.

Montana is part of the Colorado Baptist Convention which includes the states of Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and the western half of Nebraska. The area is about twice the size of the state of Texas. Southern Baptist work in the area started about twelve years ago.

Large Montana is a large state—three and one-half times the size of Mississippi. It is eight hundred miles from the southeast to the northwest corners. It is seven hundred fifteen miles from the mission at Libby to the church at Baker, as far as it is from Natchez to Savannah, Georgia.

About seven hundred thousand people live in Montana with about two hundred fifty thousand sparsely scattered over the eastern two thirds of the state and four hundred fifty thousand in the western one third.

The two largest cities are Billings and Great Falls, each with about seventy thousand people, and each with three Southern Baptist churches. Helena, the capital, has about thirty thousand residents.

Montana's agriculture is largely wheat and cattle. Vast areas are planted to winter and spring wheat. Many cattle are grown, some on huge ranches of thousands of acres.

Natural Attractions Montana has many natural attractions. A small portion of Yellowstone National Park is in Montana, while a large portion of Glacier National Park is within the state. Many mountains of the state are objects of beauty as well as the vast plains and the fertile valleys nestled between mountain ranges.

Montana is a sportsman's paradise. In summer, fishing is the great sport. Livingston calls itself the "fishing capital of the world." The many rivers, streams and lakes abound with fish which usually satisfies the angler's dream. In winter, during season, there are elk, deer, bear, mountain goat and sheep, pheasants and other game and birds to hunt.

There are six Indian reservations in Montana. Aside from the Indians, there are few non-white people, perhaps fewer than one percent.

Northeast Montana was the first place visited. In Wolf Point, population 3000, church organized 1963, membership approximately 40, they have an adequate building for the small membership. The pastor, Melvin Sudduth, was on a milk route when he works to sup-



CHAPEL (RIGHT) and Sunday School Building (left) for the Indian mission in Brockton, Montana. These facilities are being donated to the Home Mission Board by Mississippi laymen. The chapel will seat approximately 80 persons and is adequate for the mission.

port his family. The church pays the pastor about \$75 a month. He lives in his own trailer on a church owned vacant lot adjoining the church property. Since arriving on the field a few months ago several members have been added to the church and an Indian mission has been established.

At Wolf Point there is a need for a meeting place for the Indian mission. The mission now meets in the tribal house which is neither adequate for them nor conducive for worship. There is also need for an Indian mission at Frazer, nineteen miles west of Wolf Point. Another Home Mission Board missionary is needed for the Indian work in Wolf Point and Frazer.

Poplar Poplar was the next stop, population 1500, church membership approximately 40, church organized in 1953. Rev. A. L. Davis is the pastor of the church in Poplar, and of an Indian mission fourteen miles east at Brockton, attendance about 30. Most members of the Poplar Church are Indian. Brother Davis is well received by all and performs an outstanding ministry among the Indians. His church and mission led all Montana churches last year with twenty-nine professions of faith. Brother Davis is supported as a Home Mission Board missionary.

At Brockton a permanent and adequate meeting place is being provided by assistance from Mississippi. There is need for a pastor's home in Poplar so that the space occupied by the Davis family in the back of Poplar Church can be used for educational purposes.

Glasgow Time did not permit visiting the church at Glasgow, population 6,300, church organized 1959, church membership approximately 100, located fifty miles west of Wolf Point, nor the mission at Opheim, fifty miles north of Glasgow. The pastor at Glasgow, Ballard White, had just resigned to enter a seminary as a foreign mission volunteer.

Summer Missionaries Two summer student missionaries, sent under the program promoted by the Mississippi Pioneer Missions Committee to northeastern Montana, were visited. Keith Rogers, Mississippi College student from Silver Creek, was sponsored by the Woodland Hills Baptist Church of Jackson and Robert Tuggle, Mississippi Southern graduate from Magee, who was partially self-supporting.

According to Pastor Davis, these two young missionaries did outstanding work in Vacation Bible Schools, visitation, census taking, preaching and ministering in various other capacities. The work in northeast Montana is capably led and its future encouraging. With a new pastor at Glasgow and an additional missionary to the Sioux and Assiniboine Indians at least two new missions should be started by the summer of 1964. Mississippi help may be needed for these missions.

Glendive The next visit was to Glendive, population 7,000, church organized 1963, membership approximately 200, located in extreme east central Montana. When oil was discovered in this area, about eight years ago, a number of Southern Baptists moved in and promptly organized a church. Soon thereafter, a building was erected to care for about 125 in Sunday school. For four years the church has remained substantially full, but no growth because of no space to grow. At Glendive, a hastily called meeting was attended by about twenty members to discuss plans for more space. It is hoped that from this meet-

ing about sixteen hundred square feet of ground floor space, with an equal amount of basement space, can be added. Some help will be needed from Mississippi if this is to be done.

The pastor at Glendive is Marshall Strother, a young seminary graduate who wants and needs room to grow a larger church.

Loan Fund Glendive points up the need for Mississippi laymen to organize a pioneer missions loan fund established so that space can be provided where a building is needed for new work or for growth and where neither a loan nor local credit is available. Such a loan fund would enable Mississippi to do a better job in promoting Southern Baptist work in Montana. There is such a loan fund in Texas, but it cannot meet all the needs. The Home Mission Board has a loan fund, but small, new churches that have no resources nor underwriting cannot qualify for a loan. As soon as the churches qualified the loans would be transferred to the Home Mission Board loan fund.

Plans are underway to organize such a loan fund at an October meeting of laymen in Mississippi. The original capital needed is \$50,000.

Baker Baker, Montana, population 2,500, church membership approximately 60, church organized 1955, only ten miles west of the North Dakota line, was the next place visited. At a cafe, operated by a layman of the church—who was formerly one of Montana's notorious "bad men" and who is now a dedicated, soul-winning Christian—there was fellowship with the pastor, Bill Simmons, and several laymen.

The church at Baker has enjoyed excellent progress under Pastor Simmons. The fellowship is unexcelled. The pastor has only recently resigned, after building one of the best churches in Montana, to become pastor of a mission of the Baker Church located in Miles City—more about this later. This action on the part of Brother Simmons in establishing a good church with a nice building and leaving it for a mission pastorate is characteristic of the spirit of sacrifice that is making pioneer mission work grow despite seemingly insurmountable odds.

Miles City About five years ago, Southern Baptist work was started in Miles City, population 10,000 located in eastern Montana. Because of a series of circumstances the work failed and the effort was abandoned.

In 1962 Doug Bain, a ministerial student from First Church, Starkville, Mississippi College, Doug was interested in spending a year as a pioneer missionary intern before entering a seminary. The Mississippi Pioneer Missions Committee agreed to give financial assistance to Doug for a year and he agreed to secure a part-time job for partial support. The Area Missionary for Montana suggested Miles City as a place to work, and the church at Baker agreed to sponsor the mission without financial support. The Area Missionary also said the work would be very difficult because of the prior failure. It was into this situation that Doug Bain, fresh out of college, went.

Soon after arrival, Doug secured a room for living, rented a Seventh Day Adventist Church building for Sunday services, and set himself to the task of getting a mission underway as a pre-seminary missionary intern. He supplemented his support from Mississippi by part time and odd jobs. At first the task was very discouraging. It seemed hopeless. An older person with mature judgement would doubtless have stopped, as was true

## Missionary Kid Adds To Baptist Good Will

Patricia Welmaker, 14-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ben H. Welmaker, Southern Baptist missionaries in Cali, Colombia, was recognized by the Colombian Baptist Mission (organization of missionaries) during its annual meeting for breaking national records in swimming competitions. The Mission's publicity committee presented her a medal of merit for outstanding contribution to public relations and good will for Baptists, as her name and picture appeared in the country's leading newspapers.

Also at the meeting another MK (missionary kid), Roger Lynn Duck, 10-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. Roger G. Duck, of Barranquilla, was awarded the achievement medal in the MK first-aid course taught by missionaries of the Baptist hospital in Barranquilla. An MK choir sang special music for the evening programs, which were dedicated to the various mission stations represented.

before, but no one had told Doug the task could not be done, so he stayed on and performed the doing of it.

The next visit, after Baker, was Miles City for a visit with Doug Bain. He was soon to leave for home to get ready for the seminary, but he was not leaving a failure. During the year a small, but dedicated, mission of about a dozen members had been established. The Seventh Day Adventists built a new church and the mission bought the old church, which is now half paid for, and Bill Simmons, pastor of the mother church at Baker, has resigned to come to Miles City to build on the foundation laid by a dedicated young Mississippi student who did not know the task could not be done.

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GROUND-BREAKING exercises at William Carey College for a new Student Union Building occurred on September 12 directly on the heels of the formal dedication of a new 152 student women's dormitory in the earlier hours of the day. The ground-breaking program was completely conducted by the Carey Student Government Association with Thomas Hiers, president, in charge. Donna Duck, president of the Association of Women Students looks on with Hiers as Kelly Simpson, president of the Association of Men Students uses the shovel. Tommy King, president of the BSU also assisted in the exercises. Dr. Ralph Noonkester, president of Carey, Mr. Don Stewart, Dean of Men, and Miss Jeanette Redford, Dean of Women, stand by as representatives of the administration and faculty.

## Historical Shelter Attracts Visitors From Many States

By George F. Lee, Pastor, Fayette Church

Mississippi Baptists have an Historical Shelter-Exhibit believed to be the only one of its kind in the Southern Baptist Convention. This month marks the first anniversary since its dedication on October 28, 1962.

The shelter, commemorating the founding of the Cole's Creek (Salem) Baptist Church 172 years ago, is located on

Highway 61 north of Natchez in Jefferson County. The Cole's Creek Church was the first Baptist church in the State.

Six panels attractively exhibit with pictures and wording a survey of Baptists in Mississippi from 1791 to the present day. Free literature is also available at the shelter.

Just a year ago, the great-great-granddaughter of the first pastor of the Cole's Creek Church introduced herself to Mississippi Baptists at the Dedication Service. She is the descendant of Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr., an adventurous pioneer preacher from South Carolina, and she now resides in Vidalia, La., as Mrs. Richard Arehart.

Another memorable event of a year ago was the challenge issued by Dr. Davis Woolley of Nashville. As the featured speaker on Dedication Day he declared: "We have a task today and there is no turning back."

Dr. Woolley, Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, challenged Mississippi Baptists to know their heritage and to accept the inspiration of sacrifice and faithfulness exemplified by pioneer Baptists.

Many people have stopped to see the exhibit during the first year. Some have visited because of the enthusiastic response of others who had already discovered the Exhibit. Some have visited as they accepted the invitation of the

signs along the highway.


During the past few weeks a registration desk was installed in the shelter. It had been estimated by the amount of literature taken that approximately 200 people were visiting each month during the vacation season. The Historical Commission desired to know the visitors.

In the first two weeks of registration, the visitors came from Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, North Carolina, Kentucky, Iowa, Missouri and Ohio. Each one now receives a card of appreciation from Rev. Jesse L. Boyd, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission.

Those stopping by have been very congenial guests. Some have left notes of commendation and gratitude. All have assisted in keeping the site clean and attractive. Thus far, there has been no trace of disrespect or vandalism.

The historical exhibit has aroused new interest in the history of Mississippi Baptists. There is a colorful story of enduring hardship and persecution, of organizing new churches, associations and the State Convention, and of mission endeavor to establish churches beyond the territory.

With "Baptist Heritage" as an emphasis in the Southern Baptist Convention during 1964, the exhibit will contribute to this project and tell the story of Baptists—their life, work and beliefs—in Mississippi.



### Woman's Missionary Union

President—MRS. W. E. HANNAH, Clinton  
Executive Secretary—MISS EDWINA ROBINSON  
YWA Director—MISS MARJEAN PATTERSON  
Sunbeam Director—MISS WAUDINE STOREY  
GA Director—

## G.A. Camp In Montana

"Jewels for His Kingdom" was the theme for the second annual state G.A. camp held in Montana July 29-August 2.

Rev. and Mrs. Tom Hudson, formerly of Mississippi, served as pastor and director of the camp which had a total attendance of sixty. The theme was a challenging one and I was impressed with the jewel-like quality of leadership at the camp. A great deal of interest and enthusiasm was shown on the part of the girls during every part of the program: the worship services, forward step work, missionary hour, as well as the skits and recreation time.

During the morning worship services, Bro. Hudson emphasized the five star ideals, and during the campfire service stories of some outstanding Christians were told to emphasize strong character points.

Stories of individuals from the mission fields whose Christian testimony shines as a bright gem were introduced during the missionary hours. The Juniors journeyed to the Near East as they studied "The Big Difference" during the mission study period and the Intermediates and the Y.W.A.s studied "Missionary Assignment."

There was a definite mis-

sionary spirit shown on the part of so many, for they seem to realize the importance of each one being a witness for the cause of Christ in Montana.

Eight girls went forward at the close of the last evening service for rededication or for dedication to mission service as God should lead. During the closing service, every girl there joined a circle indicating a desire to be more faithful in her own home situation.

Some of these girls have very little home encouragement, and I think one of the things that impressed me so was the fact that many of the girls had worked and saved their money in order to attend camp. I was also impressed with the Y.W.A.s who attended this G.A. camp since no Y.W.A. camp was being held. They entered eagerly into every part of the camp program, and a special class was held for them on Y.W.A. methods during the forward step period for the G.A.s.

I am grateful to Mississippi for the opportunity of attending this camp and serving as the camp missionary. I returned with a greater interest in the work that Mississippi Baptists are doing for Christ in Montana.

Dorothy Hicks  
(Mrs. Marlin R. Hicks)



SINGING DURING "Morning Worship Service" at Montana State G.A.-Y.W.A. Camp, 1963.

## Brotherhood Men Asked to Train More Leaders At Assoc. Levels

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP) — State Brotherhood leaders need to concentrate on training more leaders at the association and church levels if Southern Baptists are going to meet the challenge of men and boys' work.

That's the advice of E. R. Eller of Easley, S. C., an associational superintendent of missions, gave 38 state Brotherhood leaders here at a three-day planning meeting sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Warning against the practice of conducting statewide workshops, Eller, superintendent of Piedmont Baptist Association, said attendance at such events is slim because of time involved, travel costs, and indifference.

"Some of the best Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador workers are kept at home because of their jobs, Eller said. "But they will go to an associational meeting early in the evening and on to work later that night."

## Moore Honored

Chile—Dr. and Mrs. R. Cecil Moore, who will retire at the end of January after more than 44 years as Southern Baptist missionaries to Chile, were honored by the Chilean Baptist Mission (organization of missionaries) during its recent annual meeting. The program of tribute included tape-recorded greetings from Chilean Baptists and from former and forthcoming missionary colleagues.

"One solution to trained leadership is to take more clinics out to where the people are. I'm aware this will take more money and more state leaders. But unless we do more, we will one day face the slogan of 'Too Little and Too Late.'"

Eller, missionary in a rural association, also called for more simplified, yet comprehensive, Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador materials.

The state Brotherhood leaders also approved materials for emphasizing Royal Ambassador week Nov. 3-9 and Baptist men's Day Jan. 26.

## Oklahoma WMU Selects Leader

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma Baptist women have a new state leader for the Woman's missionary organization that numbers 50,000 strong, it was announced.

Miss Abbie Louise Green, native of Tennessee, former young people's secretary for Oklahoma Woman's Missionary Union 1948-1954, and more recently Southern Baptist Convention Sunbeam director with headquarters in Birmingham, received the appointment as executive secretary to be effective November 1.

The new appointment follows the resignation of Miss Margaret Hutchison who retired June 1.

Real happiness is more of a habit than a goal, more of an attitude than an attainment.



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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

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## Murder Is Not the Solution!

We do not know the solution to the complex racial problems facing Mississippi and the nation right now, but we are positive about one thing.

Murder is not the solution!

The mass murder of little children by bombing a church during the Sunday school hour, or the shooting of men in the dark or at any other time, will never solve one issue of the problem. Instead, such actions can only make the situation infinitely worse.

At the time of this writing it is not known who was guilty of the Birmingham church bombing. However, the individuals who did it have shown themselves to be either criminally insane or evil-hearted, demon-possessed and satan-inspired. They are not friends of the South and have not helped the South by such actions. They have yielded themselves as the tools of hell itself, and have brought only sorrow, disgrace and infamy upon those about them. They deserve to be hunted until caught, and then to receive the just penalty of the law. Even should they somehow escape that, they may be sure they still have to face the wrath of an almighty God.

If any person in Mississippi has it in his mind to commit such acts here, he will do the state a favor by leaving its borders immediately.

There is no easy solution of these problems. Those who think there are, simply do not understand the depth of the problem, or the emotions involved. It is certainly true that neither the use of force, nor the response of violence will bring about the answer.

Solutions to this grave problem can come only through Christian love and reason. Hatred and bitterness must be ruled out if a meeting of minds and peaceful settlement is to be found.

Mississippi Baptists and others in this state have long sought to find the right answers to problems of race relationships. For many years there has been close relationship and understanding between Baptist leaders of both races as the problems have been faced. Others, too, have worked together. Not all of the answers have been found by any means, and there are still vast areas of conflict, but Christian leaders still seek to find a way.

We believe that the answer eventually will be found. It will not come by force or violence, but by Christian understanding and purpose on both sides. God's will, leadership and direction must be found. It is time for clear Christian thinking, praying and action now.

Meanwhile, while good men seek to find the answers, let us pray that there may be no more violence in this or any other state to hinder their efforts.

## District Associations Meet

During the next three weeks almost all of the district associations of Mississippi will be holding their annual meetings. These are the successors of the original co-operative meetings of Baptists. They existed long before conventions or alliances were even thought of.

Dr. E. C. Routh, writing in the Baptist Encyclopedia, says, "The genesis of Baptist general co-operative bodies is found in the conference at Jerusalem, and in the co-operative benevolence of New Testament churches. These churches were independent of one another; but, in their sympathetic understanding and co-operative effort, were interdependent."

It was such a concern of the churches for fellowship and cooperation that brought the beginning of associations in English Baptist History. In his encyclopedia article Dr. Routh says that as early as 1642-43 such meetings were being convened in England, and that by 1655 several such groups had been formed and the term "association" was well recognized. These organizations preceded conventions by more than a century and a half.

The first association in America was the Philadelphia association which was formed by messengers from five churches in the year 1707. In 1751 the first association in the South was organized at Charleston, S. C. The oldest association in Mississippi was the Mississippi Association, formed in 1806 and still in continuous existence after 157 years.

In the early years the district association was the most important meeting in organized Baptist life. The annual sessions often lasted for days, and the reports, circular letters, sermons, doctrinal discussions, church problems and missionary and cooperative effort matters, were given the same emphasis as are the programs of state, national and international meetings of today.

Now that the larger bodies have been formed, and transportation and communication make it possible for almost every church to have representation in those, the district associations have changed in character, and their meetings often are quite different from those of early days.

Today the associational annual meeting usually lasts only one or two days, and sometimes the sessions are held only at night, to make possible larger attendance. The old time church letter which often contained much other material besides statistical matters, has largely been replaced by the statistical form-letter. Churches seldom bring their problems to today's meetings. Sermons still have an important place, but usually there is only one, or perhaps two such formal messages. Representatives of the institutions and organized state work usually have some representatives at the meetings, but no longer is this the basic contact of these agencies with the churches.

This does not mean that the district association is not still important, for it is probable that the associational work of today is more effective and far reaching than it has ever been. The district association is the Baptist organization nearest to the churches. It works with all of the churches through functioning departmental organizations such as Sunday school, Training Union, WMU, etc.

The district association also has a basic mission responsibility. It can best organize to work with the churches in establishing missions and new churches. It can provide assistance for weak churches, and assist in developing a strong program throughout its territory. A majority of our associations now employ, with assistance of the state convention board, a full-time or part time superintendent of missions. The leadership of such men, working with good missions committees, has greatly strengthened the work in many associations.

The annual meetings give opportunity for co-ordinating and correlating such mission programs, as well as providing opportunity for statistical reports, for inspiration and fellowship, and for contact with state and other denominational leaders.

All but three or four of the 77 associations in Mississippi will hold their annual sessions in the coming weeks. Every church in the state should make an earnest effort to be well represented at the meetings, not only with messengers but also with large numbers of other members as well. Good associational meetings will strengthen all Mississippi Baptist work for the year to come.

In an atomic war all men will be cremated equal.—H. Truman Moxey.



## October Cooperative Program Month

As they go we must pray and give.

Southern Baptists are learning to pray for the Cooperative Program of world missions. Our publications are telling the Cooperative Program story with renewed zeal. Pastors are making an effort to help every Baptist understand it. No Baptist should be uninformed about our basic channel of mission support.

Information is the only intelligent basis for co-operation. But information alone is not enough. We must follow our dollars with our prayers. The Cooperative Program of world missions was born in prayer. We must nurture it in prayer.

Thousands of Southern Baptist churches are setting aside four Wednesday nights for such special prayer. Most of them are choosing four Wednesday nights in October. The plan is a simple one which may be adapted to fit any church. Each night during the emphasis the pastor or a lay person presents certain Cooperative Program causes. After brief discussion, the people are called upon to pray for these causes. Some churches distribute tracts and other printed materials at the close of the prayer service.

## Baptist Forum

### Needed: More Chaplains

Dear Bro. Odle,

In the past few months, I have been made aware of a great failure of Baptist. We have one of the richest missions fields in the world, at hand; and are failing to utilize it.

In the Baptist Memorial Hospital at Memphis, we have only one chaplain to serve a changing group of up to 1000 or more weekly. He can't possibly see all of even the most critical cases, and many leave there after weeks of illness and no one to offer words of comfort and encouragement.

The local pastor does all he can, but thousands each year come there who have no church affiliation so—no visit—I don't

blame the chaplain; I blame myself and others who are unresponsive to the needs there.

I know about the hostesses and approve of their work, but it will not take the place of a visit from a minister. I overheard one patient leaving saying, "The Baptists don't fail to charge, but they never visit except their own." Can we remain dormant, overlooking the Chaplain, and sleep at night? The chaplain has a frustrating impossible job for a dedicated soul winner.

LET'S DO SOMETHING! LET'S GET A REAL WITNESSING PROGRAM IN OUR HOSPITALS. LET'S GIVE OUR HOSPITALS MORE CHAPLAINS.

Respectfully yours,  
ESTES DENTON,  
Pastor, Crowder, Miss.

## Preaching the Word

Paul's word to his fellow preacher, Timothy, was "Preach the Word."

On Sunday, October 6, Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Church, Dallas, Texas, preaches the final sermon in a series which began seventeen years and eight months ago. That goes all the way back to January 1946.

The first sermon in that series was on Genesis 1:1 and the final message will be on Rev. 22:20-21. In this series Dr. Criswell has preached straight through the Bible. Sometimes there have been several messages on one verse. At other times he has used several verses, or even whole chapters. Sometimes the message has covered even larger portions of the Word of God, but always there has been the plan of preaching straight through the Bible. We have been told that Dr. Criswell preached for a whole year on the ninth chapter of Hebrews. A book of messages on Revelation, recently published, includes fifteen sermons on the first nineteen verses of that chapter. All of the sermons on Revelation are to be published in a series of books. Several other published volumes have included messages from other books of the Bible.

What a preaching program this must have been. This pastor, evidently has carried out Paul's admonition, "Preach the Word." Preachers and Bible students will know something of the joy and enrichment that has come to Dr. Criswell merely in his preparation for these messages. All of us can recognize the spiritual blessing which must have come to the people who, month after month and year after year, have studied through their Bibles under their pastor's guidance. Such a rich spiritual ministry could only mean growth in knowledge of God's Word. It has also meant souls saved and growth of Christian lives.

We would not say that all preachers can or even should plan their preaching on such a pattern. We are sure, however, that all should give themselves earnestly to such a ministry of the Word. We doubt if there could be a richer preaching program, as far as congregations are concerned, than preaching through a section or an entire book of the Bible. Perhaps this should not be the only preaching ministry, even as it was not with Dr. Criswell, but it well could be a part of every preacher's pulpit program.

The world has no greater need today than to know more of the Word of God. It is the preacher's primary command to give it to them.

# Ecumenical Church Versus New Testament Church

Eugene N. Patterson  
President Grand Canyon College  
Phoenix, Arizona

On February 26, 1963, the first public notice was published of the possible merger of the Anglican and Methodist churches in England. There have been a number of mergers of denominations and there should be many more because many churches have few doctrinal differences. No one can fully forecast the future, but at least the outlines are in view for the ROMAN CATHOLIC church on one hand (with all of those denominations who are willing to unite with Rome, on Rome's terms) and the ECUMENICAL church on the other hand with a conglomerate, in doctrine, of everything that has been taught about the church. In the middle there will always be the NEW TESTAMENT church.

In the merger of English Anglicanism and Methodism, a Bishop from the Anglican church will have to lay hands on all Methodist ministers in order to see that they are in apostolic succession. The doctrine of apostolic succession does not come from the New Testament, but from tradition as taught by the Roman Catholic church. The English Methodists will be called on to accept the Bible plus tradition of the church as its authority for church practices; this also comes from the Roman Catholic church.

## Pages From The Past

By J. L. Boyd

60 Years Ago  
Eastabuchie Baptist Church, Forrest County, closed a meeting of days with 40 additions to the church rolls, 34 of them for baptism. W. A. McComb who had been reared in the community and ordained to preach by that church was the visiting preacher, Pastor A. J. Rogers, reporting.

L. A. Duncan of Meridian tells of the 7th Avenue Church of that City having built a new house of worship at 8th Avenue and 15th Street. (Later the name of the church was changed to 8th Avenue Baptist Church.) W. P. Price, Editor of the B.Y.P.U. Department urged the Unions to order their literature from the Baptist Union, 324 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. (Our S. S. Board had not yet prepared B.Y.P.U. literature for the Unions.)

50 Years Ago  
Pastor J. M. Godley of the Ogden Church, Yazoo County, had W. A. Sullivan of Mississippi College as his helper in a revival meeting which resulted in 22 additions, 19 of them for baptism.

Nineteen new members were added to the Pine Grove Church, Simpson County, from a protracted meeting in which Pastor Dan Moulder was assisted by Zeno Wall of Mt. Olive. Also one young Christian volunteered for foreign mission work.

Pastor J. C. Schultz of Winona was the visiting preacher in Needmore Baptist Church of which he was the supply pastor. There were four accessions, three of them for baptism. (Will someone write me telling what became of this Needmore church?)

40 Years Ago  
The Wildwood Church, near Dundee, experienced a successful revival which resulted in 19 additions, nine of them for baptism. (Please someone write and tell me what came of this Wildwood church.)

The Mt. Pleasant Church, Lincoln County, added 19 new members, 18 of them by baptism from a revival in which Pastor J. A. Chapman was assisted by C. T. Johnson.

## Seminary Housing

### Furnished

FORT WORTH (BP)—Sixteen new apartments in the J. Howard Williams Student Village Apartments have been completed on the campus of Southwestern Seminary here.

The new apartments were furnished with solid maple contemporary furniture as a gift from Carson Stout, business executive of High Point, N. C.

## Church.

### Cities Carelessness

Some of us may have become a little careless about the difference in a New Testament church and a church that makes no pretense of following the teaching of the New Testament. Now it looks like we are going to have to speak out and teach our people that a New Testament church is one which follows the teachings of the New Testament, and those churches which ignore the teachings of the New Testament for tradition are just not New Testament churches.

We are not suggesting a fight or friction, but we can teach (1) that a New Testament church does not believe in apostolic succession; it believes that God calls its ministers and workers, (2) that people are not saved by becoming members of churches but by a

personal encounter, through repentance and faith, in the living Christ, and (3) that a New Testament church does not baptize anyone until he is old enough to personally accept Christ as his Saviour—and baptism, in the New Testament, means to be immersed in water just as Jesus was baptized.

What a challenge to be a member of a New Testament church in times like these. In humility and love, let us teach the doctrines of the New Testament and let us establish New Testament churches everywhere. We do not object to the Roman Catholic church teaching its doctrines, nor to the fast forming Ecumenical church teaching its multiplicity of doctrines, but we feel that the New Testament is the answer to all of this theological error.

## New Books

CHRIST FOR THE WORLD  
Compiled and Edited by G. Allen West, Jr. (Broadman, 146 pp., \$2.95)

The Bible message of missions. Here are fourteen sermons, prepared by that number of outstanding Southern Baptist pastors, theologians and denominational leaders. They cover every area of mission responsibility and opportunity. They call the reader to missionary concern and action. They point out world need and hunger for the message of Christ. They reveal the power and promise which has been given by God. These are burning messages, thoroughly based upon the word of God, expressing the compassion of those who prepared them, and rich in illustration and application. The book must have wide reading. It will bring revival of missionary concern.

WINNING JEWS TO CHRIST  
by Jacob Gartenhaus (Zondervan, 182 pp., \$3.50)

Jews are lost and need to be won to Christ just as other lost people need to be won. That is the conviction of the author who is a Christian Jew, and has long been a leader in Jewish evangelism, for many years directing the division of Jewish evangelism of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. In this important and splendid volume he provides information which will help the Christian to understand the Jew and know how to witness to him. Here is a thorough discussion of Jewish beliefs, teachings and practices. The various divisions of modern Judaism are discussed. After thoroughly acquainting the reader with the Jew, Dr. Gartenhaus suggests practical ways for approaching the Jew with a witness of Christ. He shows how to answer the questions which the average Jew will ask concerning Christianity, and the objections he will raise. One of the most valuable chapters is on identifying the Messiah. This is an important book and should be carefully studied by every Christian who has Jewish neighbors. It will help him to witness to them, and perhaps lead them to Christ.

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE  
DICTIONARY (Random House 1444 pp., Regular edition, \$5.75; Thumb Indexed, \$4.75)

An outstanding desk type dictionary for the home library, student or businessman. There are more than 132,000 words clearly and accurately defined, and since this is a 1963 revision the latest words are included. All entries are in alphabetical order, so that one does not have to search in special sections for foreign phrases, place names, famous persons, important events, etc. The definitions are clear and the most common meaning is given first, followed by all others. The amount of information given is sometimes astounding for a volume of this size. Hundreds of line drawing illustrations and maps are used. Splendid guides to English usage are included, and a modern pronunciation key is used. Synonyms and Antonyms are given for many words, with accurate definitions of their varied shades of meaning. Attractive buckram binding. This is a valuable reference book which will find daily use for many years.

## THE GOSPEL MIRACLES

MANY THINGS IN PARABLES

by Ronald S. Wallace (Eerdmans, 379 pp., paper, \$1.95)

Paperback reprint of two

books published in Great Britain in 1955 and 1960. Written a Scottish preacher-theologian. Rich exposition of the two important phases of the ministry of Jesus, His miracles and His parables.

PAPAL INFALLIBILITY by J. B. Rowell (Kregel, 171 pp., \$3.50)

One of the dogmas of the Roman Catholic Church is that when the Pope speaks ex cathedra he is infallible. This was first proclaimed by Romanism in 1870, although it is now claimed that it has always been true. The author examines the doctrine and shows how it will not stand up under investigation. He also discusses numerous other claims concerning the popes such as apostolic succession and shows how many false claims must be made to maintain it. A valuable handbook for reference in the study of Romanism.

CHRISTIANITY AND THE ENCOUNTER OF THE WORLD RELIGIONS by Paul Tillich (Columbia Uni. Press, 97 pp., \$2.75)

Blimpton Lectures at Columbia University for 1961. A brief, scholarly discussion which presented a modern liberal Christian's approach to other world religions, and how Christianity should meet and deal with them. Not an exhaustive study, and the book could not be used as a reference book in studying other religions.

## Calendar Of Prayer

October 7—Howard Stevens, Sharkey—Issaquena associational Brotherhood president; Mrs. Alvin Reeves, WMU President, District III.

October 8—Nat Mayhall, Union associational Training Union director; Betty Jane Frew, Baptist Student Director, Hinds Junior College.

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# Life Expectancy Of The Administrator—Pastor

By Duke K. McCall  
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The number of pastors and churches desiring a change in the Southern Baptist Convention has been on the increase. Ministers in the South are laboring under great pressure and are beginning to respond to the tension with frustration. Efforts to find greener pastures do not come primarily from pastors in communities where the racial situation is most explosive. There the weight of responsibility and the pastor's heart weld the minister to his people in a time of trouble.

The letters giving reasons for change usually begin with a list of impressive statistics and conclude that, "It appears that I have achieved all that I can achieve in this church and community."

Candidly, I am invariably impressed by such letters. Their logic is irrefutable. Having permitted the role of the pastor to be defined primarily as administrator, the pas-

tor incurs the problems and liabilities of the administrator. They include:

First, most administrative decisions are contrary to the opinion of one or more people. In the course of time the independent administrator who belongs to no clique disagrees with practically everyone with whom he works. Since man's memory for hurts is stronger than his memory for happiness, these individuals forget the good and, recalling only the administrator-pastor's "mistakes," wait for the day when some lone act precipitates the opposition of the whole. I could cite as an illustration the story of a well-loved pastor whose salary had just been significantly increased suddenly having the church request his resignation. Such violent opposition is irrational and beyond understanding except as the precipitation of a lot of small irritations in the experience of different members of the church.

Prospects Limited  
Second, the administrator-

pastor does finish his work in a church in a relatively short time. There are just so many buildings which need to be built. There is just so much money available for building projects. There are just so many prospects within easy reach of the Sunday school and Training Union. In other words, the aggressive administrator-pastor quickly uses up the resources of the church, the community, and takes up the slack left in the situation by his predecessor.

Third, the administrator-pastor cannot keep breaking his own track record. He does not come up with better ideas every year. He may adroitly put the responsibility for the absence of fresh and more effective programs on the minister of education. Thus he can increase the pastor life expectancy by reducing the life expectancy of the minister of education. Eventually this catches up with the pastor, for he cannot keep finding better ministers of education every two or three years.

Fourth, the administrator-pastor is always a candidate for the scapegoating characteristic of human nature. When he stands on the administrator's pedestal, he is the obvious target for any shift in the fortunes of the church. When giving to the church budget drops, he is to blame, even if there is a national economic recession. If people do not walk the aisles to profess faith in Christ, it is his poor sermons or his "un-biblical theology" rather than the failure of the Sunday school teachers and deacons to do personal work.

## Nobody To Help

God help the pastor who encourages or permits the church members to think of him first and foremost as the administrator of the church organization. Nobody else will help him—unless you consider recommending him to another church as being the answer to his real need.

You never hear about the genuinely able pastor-administrators. You hear about the minister of education, the Sunday school superintendent, the chairman of the board of deacons in these churches. You hear about this pastor as a pulpiteer, a real pastor of the people, or simply as the man everybody loves.



THE YOUTH CHOIR OF EASTLAWN CHURCH, PASCAGOULA are pictured on the steps of the U. S. Capitol in Washington, D. C., just before the choir sang on the steps. The group was on an eight-state tour, which included a part on the program of the Third National Royal Ambassador Congress which met in Washington in August. The choir is directed by Dr. S. D. Douglas, optometrist of Pascagoula and minister of music at Eastlawn Church. Dr. Douglas is the third man in the group of three in the lower right of the photograph. Congressman William M. Colmer is in the center and William M. "Fishbait" Miller, the House Doorkeeper and a native of Pascagoula, is at the extreme right. The bus driver from Mobile and Waller Batson, Secretary to Congressman Colmer, are at the extreme left. Rev. Athens McNeil is pastor of the Eastlawn Church.

## Oratorio To Be Premiered At National Meet

NASHVILLE — The world premiere of the oratorio "Behold The Glory Of The Lamb" by Talmage W. Dean will be held during the first nationwide conference of Southern Baptist musicians at Louisville Feb. 11-13.

Dr. Dean is chairman of the Theory Department and Director of Graduate Studies in the School of Church Music, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

He was commissioned by the Church Music Department of the Sunday School Board to compose an oratorio for the conference, which commemorates 20 years of organized music work in the Southern

Baptist Convention.

The oratorio will be sung by a large massed choir of Southern Baptist college and seminary choirs. The chorus will be accompanied by the Louisville Orchestra. Dr. Sara Hoggard, conductor of the Midland (Tex.) Symphony and Chorus, will direct the presentation.

The music has been published by Broadman Press which has also produced a recording of the oratorio by the Broadman Chorus. Both the sheet music and the recording will be released to coincide with the premiere performance of the work.

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## Social Service Association Set

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Social Service Association was organized here. It will operate as a section of the annual Southern Baptist counseling and guidance conference.

It will "Foster and promote enlistment of Baptist young people in the field of human welfare." It will also "interpret the needs for and value of helping ministries throughout the Southern Baptist Convention."

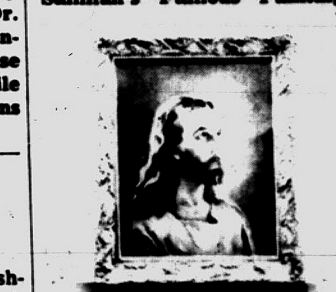
"High standards of practice in Southern Baptist human welfare" will be encouraged, according to the constitution of the new association.

Membership is open to "All who are engaged in or are interested in Southern Baptist human welfare activities." Attending the meeting which formed the association were representatives of Baptist children's homes, homes for the aged, hospitals, and other human welfare institutions.

L. W. (Bill) Crews, Atlanta, was elected president of the new association. He is assistant secretary in charge of juvenile rehabilitation for the SBC Home Mission Board.

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## DISPLAY OF 'IN GOD WE TRUST' ASKED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MONTPELIER, Vt. (RNS)—The Vermont Independent Party, a political organization, has asked Gov. Phillip Hoff to order prominent display of the national motto—"In God We Trust"—in all public schools to replace the outlawed recital of the Lord's Prayer.

T. Garry Buckley, co-founder of the organization, declared the motto would "meet with no one's disgust or objection" and would set a national trend. He said it would be fitting for Vermont to set the precedent.

He said display of the motto in auditoriums would be a "sensible solution to the problem."

While this recommendation was being considered the Montpelier School Board "regretfully" accepted the State Education Board ruling that recitation of the Lord's Prayer and Bible reading should be dropped in the Capital City Schools.

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**YOUNG PEOPLE** of Antioch Church, Rankin County, recently participated in a three-day retreat at Roosevelt Lake, Morton. Of the group shown above, each one this summer made some decision: six made professions of faith; ten rededicated their lives; and one surrendered to full-time Christian service. Five spent one week at Gulfshore Assembly; one served as pianist for Vacation Bible School and for a revival at Union Baptist Church. Pastor John L. Jones states, "The church has had a very successful summer youth program, and has witnessed a great spiritual growth."

## SEVEN MILES OF WIRE IN SEMINARY'S NEW ORGAN

By Jan Morgan  
Louisville Courier-Journal  
Staff Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The school of church music at Southern Seminary here is installing the largest pipe organ in this part of the country.

The school's 112-rank Aeolian-Skinner Organ will have more than seven miles of electrical wiring and will be capable of playing many types of organ music from all periods of music history.

Dr. Forrest Heeren, dean of the school, said that the new organ was larger than any church would need. However, he said that the school needs the large one "to enable us to train students to play on an organ of any size and to play organ literature as the composer intended it."

The installation in the seminary chapel began about six months ago and is nearly completed. However, because of the complexity of tuning an organ, it will take two men working full time eight weeks to balance the tone and to tune it.

Dr. Heeren compared balancing the tone of the organ to balancing all the instruments in a symphony orchestra. In the organ there are 5,000 pipes to balance, but there are only 100 or so instruments in most orchestras. He said the quality of the organ's tone depends on the way in which it is balanced. The organ is basically the

same one that was built in the seminary chapel in 1950; it had 40 ranks of pipes. Plans then called for additions to the organ. The present additions will bring it to maximum size.

Dr. Maurice Hinson, associate professor of church music, estimated the organ's value at from \$150,000 to \$175,000. It has four keyboards for work ranging from organ solos to accompaniment of a choir of soloists.

With the enlarged organ and eight other organs, the school now has more equipment for its students than any other school of church music, university or church in the south or southwest.

### Lutheran Club Selects "Bill Wallace Of China"

NASHVILLE — Concordia Book Club, which serves the members of the Missouri-Synod Lutheran Church and its pastors, has selected Broadman Press's "Bill Wallace of China" to offer its members this fall. The club has ordered 700 copies for the initial promotion.

"Bill Wallace of China" by Jesse C. Fletcher is the story of a Southern Baptist missionary doctor who died in 1951 from severe beatings in a Chinese Communist prison.

## Committee Named For TU Clinics

NASHVILLE — A program and conference planning committee has been named for the Training Union Learning Improvement Clinics to be held Feb. 10-14 in Tulsa, Okla., and Feb. 24-28 in Greensboro, N.C.

General chairman of the committee planning the clinics is J. Carlton Carter, director of young people's work, Training Union Department, Sunday School Board.

The age-group sections for the clinics are being planned and directed by age-group directors and age-group editors in the department. They are: nursery — Miss Florrie Anne Lawton, director, Mrs. Alma May Scarborough, editor; beginner — Miss Nora Padgett, director, Miss Marie Hedgecoth, editor; primary — Miss Laverne Ashby, director, Mrs. Doris Monroe, editor; junior — Miss Margaret Sharp, director, Miss Richie Harris, editor; intermediate — Bob R. Taylor, director, Miss Betty Jo Corum, editor; young people — J. Carlton Carter, director, Dr. Rice A. Pierce, editor; and adult — Dr. Robert S. Cook, director, Dr. Leroy Ford, editor.

## George Skutt Dies

Rev. George H. Skutt, who served 30 years as a pastor, associational missionary and educational director, died on August 27.

Funeral services were conducted at the Echota Baptist Church in Georgia, one of his former pastorates.

He also served as pastor in Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee and Missouri. After retirement he served a Baptist mission in Kentucky.

## Graham To Speak At Houston College

HOUSTON (BP) — Evangelist Billy Graham will be the principal speaker for Houston Baptist College's Religious Emphasis Week on the campus Oct. 28-Nov. 1.

Houston Baptist College opened with about 350 freshmen students enrolled on its modern new campus in southwest Houston.

Graham will also speak to a group of Houston pastors and clergymen at a Houston hotel at the beginning of the week of spiritual emphasis at Houston Baptist College.

He will deliver the principal address on the college campus Oct. 30 at a rally open to the public.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON— Christian Harmony

By Clifton J. Allen  
1 Corinthians 14

We begin with this lesson a study of three of Paul's letters — 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, and Galatians.

These letters were written to young churches. Paul was the founder of these churches and felt the deepest concern about the doctrinal error, moral

laxity, and spiritual immaturity which threatened their life and witness. These three letters set forth truths related to the needs of our churches today. The first six lessons of the unit are from 1 Corinthians. Paul's labors in Corinth lasted some eighteen months. A thriving church was started. Soon serious difficulties developed. The news of these difficulties reached Paul in Ephesus, so that he wrote this letter—probably A.D. 55 or 56—to instruct and rebuke and admonish the Corinthian Christians relative to the truth of the gospel and the purpose of Christ for his church.

Today criticism of churches is commonplace. Let us admit that some of this criticism is justified; much of it is not. We need to apply self-criticism and see that the affairs of our churches are in order. This is imperative for the sake of the Christian witness to the world.

The Lesson Explained

A PLEA FOR UNITY (1:10-13)

Immediately following a brief introduction of salutation and commendation, Paul began to deal with one of the serious problems in the Corinthian church; a party spirit had created a serious breach in the church's fellowship. There were divisions and factions, disputing and contention. Paul had learned of the sad state in Corinth from servants or members of the family of Chloe. One aspect of the dissension in the church arose from disputing about favorite preachers. One faction liked Paul, another liked Apollos, and another liked Cephas or Simon Peter; while some looked with disdain on these preachers and proudly claimed that they were for Christ. The Corinthian Christians were all new converts, and they were acting according to the pattern and spirit of the pagan world around them.

Paul made an earnest appeal for unity in the church. He showed how utterly inconsistent

and unworthy their factions were. Christ was not divided; hence the church, his body, should not be divided. Paul lamented that one faction claimed to be loyal to him. He had not been crucified for them. He had baptized only the very few individuals—that, in fact, should have made no difference. Paul's entreaty was both a stern rebuke for shameful strife and a strong exhortation for oneness of spirit in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOD'S FELLOW WORKERS (3:5-9)

The apostles or other Christian leaders had no function or importance other than as ministers of the Lord. Paul would not claim any priority for himself or allow for special loyalty to Apollos or any of the others who had labored in Corinth. They had been the instruments of God through whom the message of salvation had been made known. God gave the increase. The factionalism and disputing in Corinth were signs of the immaturity—the babyishness—of the Corinthians. Really, it showed their carnal mind.

The pastor and other church leaders are meant to be ministers to serve the people and to be the means of their faith in Christ, their growth in Christ, and their service to Christ. They have no right to special authority or preeminence in the church. Christian workers are meant to constitute a spiritual team. They are laborers together. We all belong to God. It is God alone who can make us a fruitful field. God alone who can make us a worthy building.

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION (3:10-11)

Paul emphasized that it was by the grace of God that he had been privileged to serve in Corinth. There, as a wise master builder, he had laid the foundation of the church. Apollos and others had built on that foundation following Paul's ministry. Actually, however, Paul's work had been that of preaching Christ, who is himself the foundation of salvation for each individual and thus the foundation of the church. Christ is the power and wisdom of God, and Christ is the means of wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption for the Christian. There is just one foundation, the Lord Christ himself. We can build on that foundation by works of truth and love and righteousness. In this way we build for eternity.

Truths to Live By

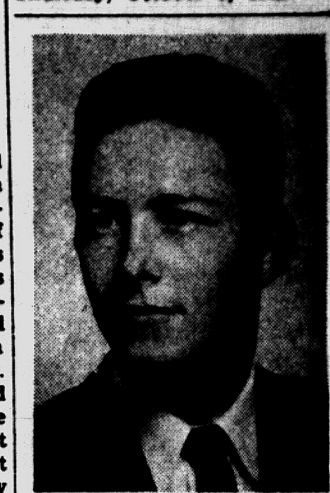
The church is not of the world but of God.—Paul's salutation to the church in Corinth described it as "the church of God." A church is defined as the people of God. This means that only those who have become true children of God through faith in Christ can properly belong to the church. It is a body of regenerated persons. Membership in the church of God demands that persons partake of the Spirit of God, give evidence that they have been liberated from the power of sin by the redemption of Christ, and manifest their purpose to live under the lordship of Christ. If a church is in reality a church of God, it is in fact the temple of God. His Spirit dwells in it. Its nature is not found in a building, whether humble or magnificent. Its life is not measured by its budget but by its life and work.

Strife in a church hinders the cause of Christ.—Christians should face this fact with utmost seriousness. Factions and disputes will become the church. They are a gross contradiction of the unity in the body of Christ. No wonder the people of the world hurl a bombardment of criticism against a strife-torn church. It becomes the sacred duty of those who are members of the church to guard against faction and to cultivate such unity of spirit that the good name of Christ shall not be slandered.

Harmony grows from devotion to Christ.—There is too much weakness and too much selfishness, even among Christians, for harmony to result automatically. Rather, it can be achieved only through magnifying Christ as the one in whom Christians have their life and by whom they are joined together in a fellowship of love. Just to the degree that Christ is remembered as a loving Saviour, that he is remembered as the Head of the church and worshiped as the living Lord, and that he is remembered in the glory of his sacrifice for our sins, we shall feel the bonds of his constraining love uniting us with one mind and one purpose and one holy commitment.

To make solitude meaningful, the child must learn to use it for dreaming his big dreams, for looking into past experiences and using them as springboards for the future.—Jewell Maret Jenkins, — November HOME LIFE.

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Larry McRae

## To Teach Science At Blue Mountain

Presented to the audience at Blue Mountain College, on the occasion of its 90th Birthday Celebration and the opening exercises for the 91st annual session, was Larry McRae, Lafayette, Ga., who has joined the college faculty as teacher of courses in upper level chemistry and an introductory course in physics.

Mr. McRae was graduated from Berry College, Rome, Ga., in June, 1950.

While at Berry College, he was named to WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

He received a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship and an NDEA Fellowship for graduate study in chemistry.

Mr. McRae has completed three years of graduate study at the University of Mississippi, and at the time he joined the Blue Mountain College faculty, he had completed all requirements for the Ph. D. degree in chemistry except the writing of his dissertation.

Mr. McRae is married to the former Clara Hall of Vienna, Ga., who is also a graduate of Berry College.

## Three Profs Are Joint Book Authors

FORT WORTH (BP)—Three professors at Southwestern Seminary here are joint authors of a new book, Steps to the Sermon.

The three professors, H. C. Brown Jr., H. Gordon Clinard, and Jesse J. Northcutt are faculty members in the School of Theology specializing in homiletics (preaching).

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We send out our payments to you Air Mail Special so you have cash in hand fast. And there is no limit on the number of times you can collect.

2) We cover all sicknesses and accidents.

Your policy covers you for every conceivable kind of accident and sickness except pregnancy; any act of war or military service; pre-existing conditions; or hospitalization caused by use of liquor or narcotics. Everything else that could possibly happen to you is covered. You'll be protected as never before—at amazingly low rates!

3) Other benefits for loss within 90 days of accident

(as described in policy)

We pay \$2,000 cash for accidental death. We pay \$2,000 cash for loss of sight, both eyes, or loss of both eyes, both hands, or both feet.

We invite close comparison with any other plan.

There really is no other plan like ours. But compare our rates with others for similar coverage. Discover for yourself what you save. And remember, there is no limit on how long you stay in the hospital, no limit on age, no limit on the number of times you can collect!

Here's all you do.

Fill out the application at the right. Notice the amazingly low rates! Enclose it in an envelope and mail to American Temperance Associates, Box 151, Libertyville, Illinois. Upon approval, you will get your policy promptly by mail, and coverage begins at noon on the effective date of your policy. No salesman will call. Don't delay! Every day almost 60,000 people enter hospitals. Any day, one of them could be you. Protect yourself before it's too late!

**MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE**

Read over your policy carefully. Ask your minister, pastor, or doctor to examine it. Be sure it provides exactly what we say it does. Then, if for any reason at all you are not completely satisfied, just mail your policy back to us within 30 days and we will immediately refund your entire premium. No questions asked. You can get thousands of dollars... you risk nothing.





**SOCIAL WORK SPECIALIST**  
—First director of social work education at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, is Walter Delamarter, presently executive director of a child-placing agency and a maternity home in Fort Worth, Texas. He will take over the new post in January.

## "Basic Series" Pamphlets Ready

NASHVILLE—A new series of free pamphlets, called the "Basic Series," is to be published by the church recreation department of the Sunday School Board. This series will replace the free pamphlets currently being distributed by the department.

Bob M. Boyd, department secretary, stated: "This series will deal with the basic principle involved in retreats, socials, drama, sports, and other areas of recreation as related to the church."

"There will also be some new subjects covered, particularly in the area of organization and administration. We hope to have all our present materials replaced by 1938."

"Retreats" is available free from: Church Recreation Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

## Homecoming At Providence To Celebrate 145th Anniversary

By Estelle B. Harris  
Providence Church, Lebanon Association, near Hattiesburg, will celebrate Homecoming on its 145th anniversary, Sunday, October 6.

The program will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 with W. H. Keen, Supt. Worship service will be at 11:00, led by the pastor, Rev. Dan Thompson.

The noon meal will follow on the church grounds. The afternoon will provide an opportunity for fellowship and visiting. At 6:15 P.M. Training Union will be led by the director, Miss Peggy Lee.

Rev. Herbert Clinton, pastor of First Church, Prairie Home, Missouri, will preach at the worship hour beginning at 7 o'clock. Rev. Clinton is the son of R. B. Clinton and the late Mrs. Clinton of the Providence community.

One of the highlights of homecoming this year is the beginning of a building fund campaign and building program.

Organized in 1813  
On Saturday, October 3, 1813, an assembly of people met at a new meeting place on

Johnson's Mill creek, in Lawrence County, (now Providence Creek in Forrest County) for the purpose of organizing themselves into a Baptist Church.

There is no written description of the original building, but pictures reveal it to have been built of logs, with a wide open fire place in one end of the building.

Mississippi history reflects the fact that it was not only a place of worship, but was as well a place of instruction for the learning of the three R's. These records are on page 100 of Lowery and McCord's "The History of Mississippi."

The following were the charter members: Rev. Norvell Robertson, Sr., Sall Robertson, Stephen Lee, Sally Lee, Seth Granberry, Jane Granberry, George Granberry, Martha Granberry.

At the first meeting, after the organization, on Oct. 31, 1813, Seth Granberry was elected church clerk, Stephen Lee and George Granberry were made deacons and Rev. Norvell Robertson, Sr. was called to be pastor.

At the December meeting

## DEVOTIONAL— External Exclamations

By Curtis A. Borge  
Pastor, First, Union  
The Greeks exclaimed, "Eureka," (I have found it). Descartes exclaimed, "Cogito ergo sum," (I think, therefore I am). The disciples of Christ exclaimed, "He is risen" in signal testimony to the eternal truth.

The greatest truths in the experience of mankind have often been stated in a few words. The impact of an exclamation states the fact and draws the attention of the hearer. About the Gospel of Jesus Christ there are three eternal exclamations.

**NO EXCLUSION!** The Gospel writer declares in John 1:12 "To as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." The sons of Abraham had stumbled when Jesus was preached as the Saviour of all men. He could be their Messiah, but He must not be the Redeemer of all mankind if their faith was to be claimed by Him. The positive fact of the Gospel is that every man who will receive Christ is received by Him and endowed with the life of eternity. There are no exceptions and no exclusions to this great exclamation.

**NO EXPENSE!** Paul wrote to the Romans (6:23), "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." He declared with eloquence to the Corinthians, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." (2 Corinthians 9:15). Salvation by the grace of God is a free gift from God to man.

More aptly it might be stated concerning salvation, there is no earning it. We are reminded that salvation is "by grace, through faith, not of ourselves, it is the gift of God." Salvation was expensive to God, but comes at no earning to man. This is grace.

Longfellow could write a poem on a sheet of paper and make it worth \$6,000. This is genius. John D. Rockefeller could sign his name to a piece of paper and make it worth millions of dollars. This is capital. Michaelangelo could take a piece of canvas and paint a picture on it worth \$50,000. This is art. Our God can take a sinner, forgive his sins, and give him new life here and hereafter. This is grace.

**NO ESCAPE!** The writer of Hebrews questions, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation (2:3)." The plain teaching of the Holy Scriptures is that they who live without the Gospel shall perish without the Gospel, without excuse or escape. It will be remembered that Jesus said of himself in John 14: "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me." All our vain hopes of circumventing Christ on the way to God come to naught, for He is the Way in which we must go, and the Truth by which we must live, if true Life we would receive.

the church chose as their name: Providence Baptist Church.

Strict Requirements

The church had strict requirements for membership and the maintenance of fellowship in olden days. If a male member was absent from conference (Saturday afternoon) someone was sent to ascertain the cause of his absence. A continuation of absences was caused for exclusion. The killing of a deer on Sunday that had been wounded on Saturday was a consideration on one conference day. This brother was forgiven at that time, but the church excluded him later for over-charging a brother for

some potato plants. Sociables, parties, dancing, drinking, were practices that were strictly forbidden and the cause for many explanations, and exclusions from the church, in former days.

Providence Church has occupied four houses of worship that were, and are, dedicated to the worship of the one True God, the preaching of the gospel of His son.

Church property is valued at \$110,000 at the present. Providence has a good record of missionary endeavor. Missions have been organized, and later have become churches. A number of young men have



WITH PERMISSION from municipal officials, Philippine Baptists hung banners across main streets to advertise meetings of their simultaneous evangelistic crusade. This is a busy street in Tarlac, on the island of Luzon.

## Oratorio Preview In "Musician"

NASHVILLE—Dr. Talmage W. Dean has written an interpretive preview of his oratorio "Behold the glory of the Lamb" for the November issue of "The Church Musician," monthly publication of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Music Department.

Dr. Dean is chairman of the theory department and director of graduate studies in the school of church music, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

In the article Dr. Dean sets forth his design of the oratorio and his interpretation of the musical and textual content.

The world premiere of "Behold the glory of the Lamb" will be held during the first national wide conference of Southern Baptist musicians at Louisville Feb. 11-13.

Dr. Dean was commissioned by the board's church music department to compose an oratorio for the conference, which commemorates 20 years of organized music work in the Southern Baptist Convention.

gone out as preachers and missionaries.

At the present there are 422 members.



**CALVARY CHURCH, Columbus, has licensed Mark L. Stevens to the gospel ministry. He is the son of the pastor, Rev. K. Z. Stevens. Mark is a graduate of Lee High, Columbus, and attended Itawamba Junior College two years. He is now a junior at Mississippi College.**

## Begins New Year

Switzerland: — The Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, began its 15th session September 2 with an enrollment of approximately 60 students from 15 countries (10 in Europe and Japan, Cameroun, Southern Rhodesia, South Africa, and the United States).

## Hillcrest Church Ordains Deacons

Hillcrest Church, Jackson, ordained two deacons on September 29; Bobby Covington and Tommy Tompkins.

Cooper Walton of Broadmoor, Jackson, and Charles Miller, Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, assisted the pastor, Rev. G. C. Cox, in the ordination service.

## Cranford Chosen

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, minister of Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., since 1941, has been selected to write the International Bible Lesson Column starting January, 1944. He succeeds the late Dr. Roy L. Smith who had prepared this Sunday school lesson column for 15 years.

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Announcement was made by Mrs. Helen Cantley, managing director of National Council Religious Features, a department of the National Council of Churches' Division of Christian Education, which syndicates the column to daily newspapers.

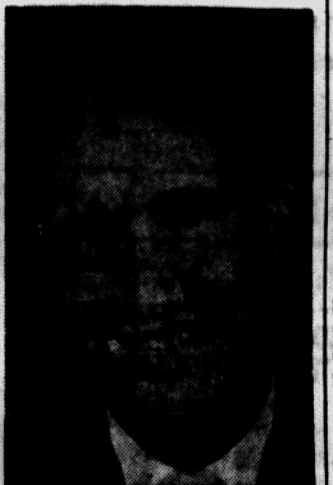
## Immanuel Calls Pastor

Rev. Fred Donovan has accepted the pastorate of Immanuel Church, Columbus.

He has been pastor of Russell Church since April 1, 1932 and has served it and attended New Orleans Seminary since then.

There have been 60 additions to Russell Church with about half of these by baptism. A new \$15,000 brick veneer parsonage has been completed. Recently the church voted to build five more rooms to the church with two nurseries.

The budget has increased nearly \$2,000 and the mission gifts have shown a great increase. The church adopted the six and eight point record system for Sunday school and Training Union. An Intermediate Dept. was set up in the Sunday school and a men's Training Union class was organized. A Cradle Roll Dept. also was added to Sunday school. The church has ordained one minister and has licensed another.



**Rev. Fred Donovan**  
Donovan has a B. S. degree from Howard College and has studied two years at New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Betty Glass and has two children, Teresa (6) and Randy (3).

The child learns in his first years whether or not he can approach his parents with his problems. — Robert H. Lauer, pastor of Salem Baptist Church, Florissant, Mo. "How's Your A. Q.?" in September HOME LIFE.



**FIRST CHURCH, SENATORIA, presented the Boy Scout God and Country Award to Joe Snider on Sunday, September 15. Pictured, left to right, are: Dr. John Flowers, pastor; Mrs. Andy Snider, Joe Snider, Andy Snider, and Howard Carpenter, Ad. vider for Explorer Post 77 in Senatoria.**

## NORFOLK SURVEY INDICATES 140,500 NEEDING MINISTRY

NORFOLK, Va. (BP) — A door-to-door survey of the Norfolk-Portsmouth area by 3,600 workers of 100 churches reveals 140,500 people needing an intensified spiritual ministry.

The survey indicates 52,000 persons nine years of age and over in the half million population do not have church membership. Another 50,000 have their church membership outside the metropolitan area, and 20,500 are local church members who attend less than once a month.

These figures were released by Orrin Morris of Atlanta, a survey specialist who helped direct the work for the 18 participating denominations.

Morris is associate secretary of the Department of Survey and Special Studies at the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He said workers visited some 84,000 households and secured information on their estimate 275,000 residents. Percentages from this information were used to project the estimates for the entire population.

"We actually gave to the churches 90,000 names of people needing an immediate, intensified ministry," he said.

## Rhode Island Churches Seek S. Baptists

The Middletown Baptist Chapel in Middletown, Rhode Island, will soon be constituted into the Second Baptist Church in the state of Rhode Island.

Rev. A. H. Major has recently been called from the Victoria Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to assume the pastorate of the chapel. They urge all Southern Baptist leaders who know of any Baptists moving into the Rhode Island area to contact either Middletown Baptist Church, Middletown, Rhode Island, or Green Meadows Baptist Church, No. 87 Devilsfoot Road, North Kingston, Rhode Island.

## Deerbrook 18 Years' Old

Deerbrook Church (Noxubee) observed their 18th anniversary Sunday, September 22.

Dr. John F. Carter, professor of Bible at Clarke College, and author, brought the Sunday morning message from Acts 10 in "The Connection between the Vision and the Task." Dr. Carter played a prominent part in the organization of this church.

In addition, Dr. Carter showed slides about his recent trip to the Holy Land in an after-lunch service at the church. To highlight the service, Dr. Carter presented the church librarian, Mrs. Carolyn Pugh, with a copy of his Layman's Harmony of the Gospels (Broadman Press) to go to the church library.

A short history of the church was read by Mrs. Harvey Haggard, the church clerk.

The pastor is Rev. Gene Sanford.

Mrs. Judy Bolin and Mrs. John Parker of Meridian sang special songs in each service.



**JOHN R. MERCER, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Mercer, Route 2, Enterprise, was recently licensed to the gospel ministry at the Senecaville Church, Rev. E. E. Kirby, pastor. A son of Enterprise High School, Kenton, is now director and Training Union director at Senecaville.**

A wrong spirit toward another person may or may not hurt him, but it is certain to destroy my own soul. — Booker T. Washington, understood it when he said, "I will not permit any man to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate him." — Charles L. Allen in THE LORD'S PRAYER (Fleming H. Revell Company).



**NEW DORM OFFICERS of the men's residence hall at Clarke College, are, left to right: Ed Lipscomb, Foley, Alabama, president; Ralph Thompson, Aberdeen, vice-president; Oth Hinton, Corinth, secretary-treasurer; Melvyn Jelly, Jerseyville, Illinois, preceptor; Curtis Reese, Columbus, preceptor; Jerry Strahan, Louisville, preceptor; David Perry, Roxie, preceptor. They are discussing the twenty-five per cent increase in the number of men, over the first semester last year, with Victor E. Vaughan, Dean of Men.**

## BROADMAN READERS PLAN ATTRACTS BOOK BUYERS

NASHVILLE — Baptist book buyers are not waiting until January to recognize the value of the Broadman readers plan, when the first books will be mailed. This has been proved by the number who have already subscribed to the plan.

"The several hundred already enrolled for the Broadman readers plan are expected quickly to multiply into the thousands as the plans, qualities, and cost benefits are understood," said Dr. Davis C. Hill, a member of the Sunday School Board's steering committee for coordination and communication about the plan.

The Broadman readers plan includes books on the Christian life and Christian beliefs, Christian home and family life, books of inspiration and devotion, Baptist history and doctrine, and Bible study books. The authors are informed writers in each field.

The books will be bound in durable hard covers suitable for homes or libraries. They will be printed with wide margins on good quality paper in large legible type for easy reading. Each book will have 128 pages.

The first selections will be mailed in January 1944. They

are: "What Baptists Believe" by Herschel H. Hobbs, "The Overflowing Life" by Clarence W. Cranford, and "Two Shall Be One" by Reuben Herring. Books in the plan will tie in with Southern Baptist School and Training Union lesson course emphases, along with other materials designed for use in churches. In addition to their value for leisure-time reading, they will support work planned by church leaders in individual churches. "What Baptists Believe," for example, is good supplementary reading for first quarter, 1944, Training Union programs on theology.

Further evidence of an easing of Spanish government restrictions on the nation's small Protestant minority was seen in Madrid in the reopening of two Baptist churches. Issuance of worship licenses to chapels at Santa Cruz de Tenerife and the Madrid suburb of Usera brings to thirteen the number of Protestant churches reopened this year. Spanish authorities earlier granted permission for the opening of four Evangelical, three Brethren, one "independent," and three Baptist churches.

## Leesburg Ordains Deacon

Leesburg Church ordained Thromberg Edwards as a deacon on Sunday, Sept. 22. Rev. R. W. Porter, pastor, conducted the service and preached the sermon. R. G. Winstead led in the ordination prayer.

## Unity Calls C. I. Miller

Rev. C. I. Miller, pastor of Clarke-Venable Church, Decatur, for the past three and one-half years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Unity Church, Pascagoula. His resignation was effective September 30 and he began work in the new field on October 1.

Rev. Miller is married to the former DeLois Catchings of New Orleans, La. The couple have three children, David, 12, Carolyn, 10, and Ann, 8.

Rev. Miller is a graduate of Clarke and Mississippi Colleges and received the B. D. and M. R. E. degrees from New Orleans Seminary.

He has formerly been pastor of Bowen Memorial Church, Gulfport; Shaw Church; Escatawpa Church; East Columbia Church, Columbia; Gillesburg Church, Mississippi Association.

## Clarke Conducts Music Retreat

Forty-four members of Clarke Memorial College, Newton, enjoyed an unusual concert chorus retreat at Roosevelt State Park, Morton, September 13-14.

William C. Day, professor in the Clarke music department, was in charge of the retreat. The program theme was, "My Life in God's Hands." Special speakers included Dr. Robert Magee, pastor of the First Church, Carthage; Mrs. W. L. Compere of Newton, and Mrs. Ester Moore, former missionary to Indonesia.

"The purpose of the retreat was to get acquainted, fellowship, worship, to officially organize the chorus, and to do some real hard work in preparation for the activities of the new school year," said Mr. Day. Mrs. Edwin McNeely, also of the Clarke music faculty, assisted with the retreat.